

REMARKS

In the Office Action of September 28, 1999, the Examiner again rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,400,246 to Wilson et al. The remaining claims were allowed.

To place this application in condition for allowance, Applicants cancel Claim 1 and its dependent claims without prejudice. Applicants intent to pursue these cancelled claims in a continuation application. With this Amendment, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Lastly, Applicants note that they have not yet received a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form submitted with the June 3, 1998 Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants request that the Examiner return a copy of the initialed 1449 Form with the Notice of Allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this response, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4719.

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